

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Divorce etc. Statistics

1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1945 and annually 1942 to 1947.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended					
	1920	1925	1930	1935	1940	1945
WRITS						
Divorce	64.2	98.6	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2
Judicial Separation	1.2	2.0	1.8	0.4	-	1.4
Nullity of Marriage	-	0.8	1.8	0.6	-	0.4
Total	65.6	101.4	155.8	236.6	311.4	618.0
ORDERS						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	77.6	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8
Absolute	22.6	82.6	106.6	166.8	242.2	417.0
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4
RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS						
Petitions	0.2	0.4	-	-	-	0.8
Decrees	-	-	-	-	-	0.8
WRITS						
Years						
	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Divorce	492	630	702	870	846	732
Judicial Separation	2	-	2	2	1	-
Nullity of Marriage	1	-	2	-	12	2
Total	495	630	706	872	859	734
ORDERS						
Divorce - Nisi	404	520	598	689	709	655
Absolute	312	450	497	604	651	685
Judicial Separation	2	-	2	2	1	3
Nullity of Marriage	1	-	-	-	5	5
RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS						
Petitions	1	1	-	2	1	3
Decrees	1	1	-	2	-	1

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

Grounds	1946			1947		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
DIVORCES ABSOLUTE						
Adultery	245	166	411	214	194	408
Desertion	93	87	180	111	111	222
Habitual Cruelty	1	33	34	2	34	36
Insanity	10	2	12	3	2	5
Drunkenness	1	4	5	2	4	6
Failure to Maintain	-	6	6	-	6	6
Supposed Dead	-	-	-	1	1	2
Sodomy	-	2	2	-	-	-
Incest	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total	350	301	651	333	352	685
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE						
Impotence	2	1	3	2	-	2
Bigamy	1	1	2	1	2	3

3 - Divorces Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue

DURATION OF MARRIAGE YEARS	ISSUE								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1946									
0 - 4	109	47	9	2	-	-	-	-	167
5 - 9	75	59	44	15	1	1	-	-	195
10 - 14	31	26	45	8	7	2	-	-	119
15 - 19	26	15	16	10	5	1	1	-	74
20 - 24	33	8	2	2	-	2	1	-	48
25 - 29	25	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	28
30 - 34	13	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	15
35 - 39	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Total	317	158	116	38	14	6	2	-	651
1947									
0 - 4	77	26	3	-	-	-	-	-	106
5 - 9	112	74	34	8	4	-	-	-	232
10 - 14	36	58	50	14	4	3	-	2	167
15 - 19	22	17	20	12	5	-	-	-	76
20 - 24	32	14	5	6	-	-	-	-	57
25 - 29	18	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	27
30 - 34	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11
35 - 39	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
40 - 44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	316	196	113	41	14	3	-	2	685

4 - Divorces Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce

Age of Wife	Age of Husband							Total
	Under 25	25-29	30 - 34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	
1946								
Under 25	35	56	28	1	1	-	-	121
25-29	12	52	68	12	5	-	-	149
30-34	-	14	65	45	21	3	-	148
35-39	-	2	5	51	30	12	3	103
40-44	-	-	1	4	30	11	7	53
45-49	-	-	-	1	7	21	16	45
50 & over	-	-	-	1	-	4	27	32
Total	47	124	167	115	94	51	53	651
1947								
Under 25	18	53	20	-	-	-	-	91
25-29	4	62	69	22	1	-	-	158
30-34	-	12	80	62	11	3	5	173
35-39	-	1	13	43	43	15	4	119
40-44	-	-	-	6	29	19	8	62
45-49	-	-	-	2	10	14	14	40
50 & over	-	-	1	-	-	4	37	42
Total	22	128	183	135	94	55	68	685